

NEWS OF THE LODGES.

MANY MATTERS OF INTEREST TO MEMBERS OF THE FRATERNITIES.

A Graphic Description of the "Passion Play" at Oberammergau—Notes of the Golden Cross—Activity Among the Odd Fellows, the Rechabites, Etc.

The following Masonic bodies meet upon the evenings of the ensuing week:

Subordinate Lodges.—Masonic Temple—Dawson No. 16, Monday, 23d; Federal No. 1, Tuesday, 23d; New Jerusalem No. 3, Thursday, 25th; St. John's No. 11, Friday, 27th; Hope No. 20, Friday, 27th.

A. S. R. Sanctuary, 1007 G street—Arminius No. 35, Monday, 23d; Acacia No. 18, Tuesday, 23d.

Masonic Hall, Georgetown—George C. Whitling No. 32, Thursday, 25th.

Masonic Hall, Brightwood—Stansbury No. 24, Monday, 23d.

Royal Arch Chapters.—Masonic Temple—Mount Vernon No. 3, Monday, 23d; Washington No. 2, Thursday, 25th; Eureka No. 4, Friday, 26th.

Masonic Hall, Georgetown—Potomac No. 8, Tuesday, 23d.

Commanderie Knights Templar.—Masonic Temple—De Molay No. 4, Tuesday, 23d; Washington No. 1, Wednesday, 24th.

Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite.—Robert de Bruce Council of Kadosh, Tuesday, 23d.

The installation services in the Grand Lodge will be held December 27.

The name of the Worshipful Master of Washington Centennial Lodge No. 14 was printed incorrectly in the last issue. It should have read J. H. Small, Jr., who is one of the best known and most esteemed Masons of the city.

The public installation of the officers of Harmony Lodge No. 17 was a complete success, the Cathedral being crowded by invited guests to witness the ceremonies. A surprise of the evening was the presentation of a Past Master's jewel to the retiring Master, the newly-installed Worshipful Master, Lurline R. Ginn, making the presentation in a highly complimentary speech. The grand officers attended in a body, the exercises being conducted by Grand Master James A. Sample, assisted by the Grand Marshal, Henry S. Merrill. At the conclusion of the exercises refreshments were served in the banquet hall.

Persons living in the vicinity of Twelfth and G streets last Monday evening were somewhat alarmed by hearing at times a series of weird and peculiar sounds. The mystery can be traced to the famous "kazoo" band of Almas Temple, who materially assist in conducting this august degree. The unusual enthusiasm was displayed on this occasion, culminating at the banquet, when W. J. Florence, the father of the order in this country, was received with all the proper honors, the band forgetting for the nonce the dulcet strains of "Annie Rooney," and, to the surprise of every one present, producing a new air, "Hail to the Chief." Noble Florence remained with the members of the temple for some while, and enjoyed his hospitable reception exceedingly.

Following is a continuation of Mr. M. M. Parker's interesting account of his European tour: "The theatre in which the 'Passion Play' is performed stands in the meadow at the far end of the village, and from all parts of the auditorium you see a background of blue sky, and, when we were there, snow-capped hills. Half of the seats are in the open air, half under cover. If it rains the performance goes on, and half the audience is drenched. If the sun blazes the spectators lie in the open air, and, when there is no help for it, rain or ship, the play goes on. Umbrellas are not allowed. The seats are all numbered. If the weather is at all chilly rugs are indispensable. If wet weather you shiver on your seat, and as you occupy them for hours you have leisure for regretting your neglect in not bringing the necessary wrappings. I was fortunate enough to have on my heaviest undervest, and four coats, one a water-proof impervious to air and water, and yet with all these I was not too warm. The play begins at 8, and the first part ends at 12:15. After an hour and a half followed for lunch it is resumed at 1:15, and closes at 5:30. So intensely interesting is this play that you seem to have been occupied scarcely over an hour. During the most pathetic parts, which are the scourging of and crucifixion of Christ, you can hardly see four thousand people in the theatre. The play is introduced by soft music, which comes from an obscure orchestra, and the interludes between each scene are filled up with singing in parts and in chorus by a choir of guardian angels. Suddenly the curtain rises, and the play begins by Christ entering Jerusalem astride an ass accompanied by his Apostles. One scene changes and another takes place without noise or confusion. All the tableaux are regarded as most wonderful. The scene of Christ, bearing his own cross, some thirty feet long, underneath the weight of which he repeatedly falls, is most pathetic. Those who were fortunate enough to have received the Order of the Temple were deeply impressed when Simon of Cyrene, pityingly bore the cross of Our Saviour. The dress of the several actors is very effective, nearly all being in scarlet. They wear crowns with the cross in the centre, and are habited in white under-tunics, with golden edging, and in yellow-leather sandals and stockings of the same color as the robe which falls from the shoulders. Twice, however, these brilliant robes are exchanged for black immediately before and after the Crucifixion. The latter scene is realistic in the extreme and creates a most profound sensation. As a whole it may be said to be the greatest religious tragedy ever enacted or that will be ever enacted. From my own standpoint the impression left on my mind is not at all irreligious. On the contrary, it makes such an impression that you will never forget that it was Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ who came to redeem the world. The play closes with a burst of bulletins and with a jubilant triumph over the Ascension of the Lord."

Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Harmony Lodge No. 9 are preparing to hold an entertainment about the 19th of January.

Covenant Lodge No. 13 are having the property they secured adjoining their hall put in condition for the use of the lodge.

The members of Martha Washington Lodge have fittingly shown their appreciation of the services of Bro. S. P. Trexler, P. G.

Martha Washington Lodge conferred the Rebekah degree upon four candidates at its last meeting. The membership now is eighty-five.

Washington Lodge No. 6 to-morrow night hold a musical and literary entertainment, at National Hall, for the benefit of the widows of the lodge. Dancing will follow.

It is rumored that Bro. Sherwood before his initiation in Mechanics' Lodge purchased a goat on which to practice traditional evolution. Bro. S. now advertises an experienced goat for sale.

Naomi Rebekah Degree Lodge No. 1 elected the following officers for the next six months: N. G., Juliana Allan; V. G., Irene Trexler. R. S., Sarah M. Sanderson; F. S., Rebecca Giles; Treasurer, Eliza A. Thompson.

The following amendments are pending in the Grand Lodge and come up for action at the semi-annual session January 14, 1891: First, changing night of meeting from the second to the third Wednesday in January and July; second, changing the law so that there shall be

but one business meeting in a year—in January—also allowing fraternal or social meetings to be held under auspices of the Grand Lodge, the Grand Master directing the same; third, creating a new committee, to be called the committee on the state of the order, also defining its duties; fourth, making the terms twelve months instead of six months.

Considerable conjecture prevails as to who will be elected to the vacant Deputy Grand Master's chair. The name of the chairman of the committee on supervision is prominently mentioned in connection with it, as also the present Grand Warden. Either of these brothers will make first-class officers.

The semi-annual election of officers in Martha Washington Lodge, D. of R., resulted as follows: Sister Mattie Bause, Noble Grand; Sister Johanna Noah, Vice Grand; Bro. Ben F. Wilkins, Recording Secretary; Sister Susie C. Harner, Financial Secretary, and Sister Roberta Harner, Treasurer.

Mechanics' Lodge No. 18 is still booming. Wednesday evening a special meeting was held to confer degrees. After the meeting the members adjourned to the residence of Bro. Donaldson, P. G., where a bounteous spread was in waiting. Music kept the party in good humor until a late hour.

Grand Master Kinney would be pleased to meet the officers appointed by him to install the officers-elect of the ensuing term in the Grand Secretary's room, O. F. Hall, Seventh street northwest, on Monday or Tuesday evening.

Golden Cross Notes.

At the last meeting of Meridian Commandery the degrees were conferred on Dr. D. M. Ogden and Mrs. Annie Seymour. Two applications for membership were received.

At the last meeting of St. John's Commandery a committee, consisting of Sir Knights S. H. A. McKim, John N. Ehle, and Lady Emma McKim, was appointed to prepare resolutions of sorrow at the death of the late Past Noble Commander James B. Peake.

At the last meeting of Capital Commandery the degrees were conferred on Samuel N. Hilton, Robert Craig, Highland Maddux, Mrs. Mary E. Peabody, Mrs. Celia Walden, Mrs. Mary F. Safford, Mrs. Sadie E. Jenkins, and Mrs. Augusta I. Eichholtz.

Official visitations by the Grand Commandery will be made next week as follows: Columbia No. 374, at Medford's Hall, corner Eighth and I streets northeast, Tuesday, December 23; Meridian No. 178, at Golden Cross Hall, corner Fifth and G streets northwest, Friday, December 26.

Goodwill Commandery No. 21 will elect officers at Scottish Rite Hall, No. 1007 G street northwest, on Monday, Dec. 23; Columbia No. 374, at Medford's Hall, corner Eighth and I streets northeast, on Tuesday, Dec. 23; Meridian, at Golden Cross Hall, Fifth and G streets northwest, Friday, Dec. 26; Capital No. 323, at Washington Hall, corner Pennsylvania avenue and Third street southeast, Friday, Dec. 26.

National Commandery at its last meeting received one application for membership, and conferred the degrees on Mrs. Alice F. Lane, and conferred the degrees on Mrs. Mary F. Allen and J. E. Jones. The death of Mrs. Margaret J. McBride, Vice Noble Commander, was announced, and a committee, consisting of Sir Knights Dr. Charles Allen, L. C. Handy, and L. R. Trembley, was appointed to draft appropriate resolutions.

Mt. Vernon Commandery at its last meeting received one application for membership, and conferred the degrees on Harlow R. Street. Sir Knight J. H. A. Fowler reported that the committee had secured Prohibition Hall, corner of Fourth and half street and Pennsylvania avenue, for the future meetings of the commandery on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month, and that the annual entertainment will take place at the same hall on January 6.

St. John's Commandery No. 32 has elected the following officers: Vice Noble Commander, Mrs. Sarah M. Howe; Worthy Prelate, S. A. H. McKim; Keeper of Records, Mrs. M. Ida Graham; Treasurer, Mrs. Emma McKim; Worthy Herald, E. R. Barbour; Warden of Inner Gate, Mrs. Mary L. Hawkins; Warden of Outer Gate, John N. Ehle; Past Noble Commander, W. E. McKim; Trustees, John N. Ehle, S. A. H. McKim, and M. Richardson; Representative to the Grand Commandery, W. E. Graham; Alternate, Mrs. M. Ida Graham. The election of Noble Commander and Financial Keeper of Records was postponed until next meeting.

Mount Vernon Commandery has elected the following officers for the term beginning January 1, 1891: Noble Commander, John R. Stier; Vice Noble Commander, Miss Emma V. Dullin; Worthy Prelate, J. H. A. Fowler; Keeper of Records, M. L. Venable; Financial Keeper of Records, Daniel Cramer; Treasurer, Kenneth S. Murchison; Worthy Herald, C. G. Harrison; Warden Inner Gate, Miss C. E. Lewis; Warden Outer Gate, W. A. Crouse; Past Noble Commander, S. Norris Thorne; Trustees, Joseph Jouey, David Cramer, and S. Norris Thorne; Representative to the Grand Commandery, S. Norris Thorne.

Anacostia Commandery No. 423 has elected the following officers: Noble Commander, Stephen Simonds; Vice Noble Commander, Mrs. Nellie C. Osterback; Worthy Prelate, David L. Pitcher; Keeper of Records, J. H. Donny; Financial Keeper of Records, Daniel C. Smithson; Treasurer, Thomas J. Putnam; Worthy Herald, A. R. Cator; Warden Inner Gate, Frank J. Henry; Warden Outer Gate, George W. Berry; Past Noble Commander, George F. Pyles; Trustees, Charles F. Watson, H. N. Tolson, and George F. Pyles; Representative to the Grand Commandery, George F. Pyles.

Halcyon Commandery No. 128 has elected the following officers: Noble Commander, Gerhart E. Toepfer; Vice Noble Commander, Mrs. Mary R. Stetson; Worthy Prelate, Mrs. Florence A. Johnson; Keeper of Records, Joseph Trainor; Financial Keeper of Records, Robert D. Weston; Treasurer, James S. Sharpe; Worthy Herald, Wyllys S. Stetson; Warden Inner Gate, Mrs. Rosanna M. Humphrey; Warden of the Outer Gate, Andrew H. Stamp; Past Noble Commander, Thomas Humphrey; Trustees, Andrew H. Stamp, George F. Cline, and Mrs. Rosanna M. Humphrey; Representative to the Grand Commandery, Andrew H. Stamp; Alternate, Robert D. Weston.

National Commandery has elected the following officers for the term beginning January 1, 1891: Noble Commander, Dr. Charles Allen; Vice Noble Commander, Mrs. Martha J. Howison; Keeper of Records, L. R. Trembley; Financial Keeper of Records, Joseph B. Bailey; Treasurer, Richard H. Yates; Worthy Prelate, Miss Annie Beach; Worthy Herald, Mrs. Lillie A. Edelin; Warden of the Inner Gate, J. R. Yates; Warden of the Outer Gate, J. F. Lucas; Past Noble Commander, Edward Howison; Trustees, Joseph B. Bailey, Samuel Howison, and J. J. Darlington; Representative to the Grand Commandery, L. C. Handy; Alternate, Mrs. Lillie A. Edelin.

Independent Order of Rechabites.

(F. E. DeYoe, H. C. R.)

Union Tent No. 29 (Junior) initiated four members Wednesday.

Camack Tent No. 21, Junior, is preparing for an entertainment.

George C. Thompson Tent No. 4 initiated two members on Thursday.

Grand Chief Ruler J. C. Lee will start shortly on a tour of Virginia to organize tents.

A charter for a ladies' tent is being pushed by Deputy Grand Chief Ruler E. W. Kirby.

Thirty members of Georgia Tent No. 151, under the leadership of Deputy High Chief

Ruler S. L. Cole, went to Macon, Ga., last week and organized Macon Tent No. 3, with forty-four charter members.

Columbia Tent No. 1 conferred degrees on four candidates Monday. High Secretary Mahoney addressed the meeting.

Grand Chief Ruler Lee has about ended his visitations. His reception by the different tents shows the order's appreciation of the man.

High Secretary Mahoney reports the organization of a tent in Paterson, N. J., Cleveland, Ohio, and New Haven, Conn., during the week.

Camack Tent No. 56 initiated two members Tuesday. The Grand Tent visitation, speeches, and a supper kept the one hundred and twenty members present until midnight.

Naomi Tent No. 3 (Ladies) had three initiations on Wednesday night. The "good of the order" was enlivened with remarks by Miss Rosa Potes, Miss Agnes Catterton, Miss Ella Fry, Miss Maggie Canter, Miss Irene Roche, Mrs. Mary E. Crawford, and Mr. L. Milstead.

Independent Order of Rechabites.

(A. M. Dewey, H. C. R.)

Purity Tent No. 4 (Woman's branch) Odd Fellows' Hall, Navy Yard, announces an interesting programme for to-morrow night.

The trustees of the Grand Tent of the District have decided to strictly carry out the instructions of the Grand Tent at its last meeting.

Friendship Tent No. 73, having changed its meeting night to Saturday, is now favored with visitors at every meeting, no other tent meeting on that night.

The Eagle Juniors will visit the Friendship Juniors in Red Men's Hall next Saturday evening. The Friendship Juniors had several candidates for initiation last evening.

The Eagle and Friendship Juniors made a favorable impression in their next regalia on the occasion of the visit to Virginia Tent No. 5, Alexandria, last Monday evening.

High Secretary-Treasurer L. H. Patterson has during the past week sent supplies for tents in North Carolina, Virginia, Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Maryland, and Pennsylvania.

Redemption Tent No. 144 will hold a series of debates on temperance topics at each meeting. Grand Chaplain W. H. Douglas and Bro. M. E. Byrne will be the principal participants at the next meeting.

The musical and literary entertainment of Virginia Tent No. 5, Alexandria, Monday evening, was a grand success. The Washington delegation was received at the depot in Alexandria by a committee of Virginia Tent. Chief Ruler George Lyles was master of ceremonies, and High Chief Ruler A. M. Dewey made a historical address. A luncheon was served.

Independent Order Mechanics.

Lafayette Lodge No. 13 held an interesting meeting Thursday. Bro. W. B. Tippet, who has been ill for four weeks with pneumonia, is now able to sit up. Mr. J. S. Browning and W. H. Ferguson were elected members. Mr. E. Bullock made application for membership. The following were put in nomination: For Worthy Master, C. O. Horton; Junior Masters, O'Brien and Steele; Recording Secretary, J. A. Fagan; Financial Secretary, C. H. Scott; Treasurer, R. B. Wilson; Conductor, W. U. Watson; Chaplain, Steele and Selby. This lodge will hold a short session on Christmas Day, at 6 o'clock, for important business.

Improved Order of Red Men.

At the regular meeting of Onondaga Tribe No. 10, Improved Order of Red Men, on the 18th, the following officers were elected for the ensuing term: Prophet, William H. King; Sachem, Joseph C. Reay; Senior Sagamore, R. F. Hartnett; Junior Sagamore, L. Hummer; C. of R., S. J. Hatfield; K. of W., J. C. Dunning; Trustees, Joseph Atkin, William H. King, and William Schnebel. The Tribe had an interesting meeting, and several pale faces were adopted.

Order of the Iron Hall.

At the late regular meeting of Iron Hall No. 874, held on the 17th instant at 107 G street northwest, the annual election was held. The officers-elect are: Maj. William M. King, 1223 Fourteenth street northwest, Chief Justice; N. J. Hay, Vice Justice; W. H. Keith, Adjutant; John N. Foster, Prelate; J. E. Borland, Herald; W. J. Davidson, Vidette; H. C. Lochte, Watchman; Ralph Jenkins, M. D., Medical Examiner; T. I. Sparks, C. B. Nooks, D. L. Korn, Trustees.

The Progressive Benefit Order.

The order, which pays \$100 in one year, is in its infancy yet and has been one of the most successful fraternal orders ever instituted. It was incorporated seven months ago and has issued over 17,000 certificates. The order admits ladies and gentlemen on equal terms, paying each of its members \$100 in one year and \$10 weekly sick benefits by levying assessments of \$3 each, which in all probability will not exceed eighteen in the year. Capitol Lodge No. 255 was instituted on November 26, at Scottish Rite Hall, and meets the second and fourth Wednesday evenings of each month. The following are the officers elected and installed: Isaac Gans, President; Leonard R. Vinton, Vice President; Harry D. Letcher, Secretary; S. L. Kohn, Treasurer; Henry Shute, Marshal; William Baumgardner, in another column will be found full prospectus of the order.

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All valued at \$200.

We will give the entire outfit to the lucky guesser on the 31st day of January, 1891. The jar of beans will be opened and counted by any three disinterested gentlemen of this city, and the person guessing nearest the number shall be awarded, free of any charge, this magnificent solid oak bed-room set complete. The set is now on exhibition in our handsome show windows. Call and see it and judge for yourself. Remember, every purchaser of 25 cents or more entitles you to a guess. Guess as often as you please. Guess early and often. Guessing contest closes at 11 P. M., Saturday, the 31st of January, 1891. During this greatest of all guessing contests special bargains will prevail in all departments. Who will be the lucky one?

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It is a Grand Beneficial Association. Its plan is easily understood; it is safe and reliable. Its payments are absolutely certain.

Its motto is Friendship, Protection, and Progress, and it unites in fraternal bonds all persons in Class A, who are in sound health, mentally and physically, who are of good repute and of moral character, who have correct habits and reputable callings.

The affairs of the Order are conducted wisely; the supreme officers are bonded; politics and sectarianism have nothing to do with the ritual; the reserve and other funds are seasonably guarded and properly taken care of; the interests of all members are identical, for they are banded together as one; Class A is divided into four grades, with assessments to suit the pocketbooks of its members; and every claim will be promptly adjusted and paid.

THE COST OF JOINING (CLASS "A") will be \$75; the Annual Dues \$4.00 (payable quarterly); and the Assessments of \$2.00 or less, per table of rates. The assessments for the first year or so we calculate will not exceed twenty, and we believe fifteen will suffice, in which latter case it will cost but \$35 for an annual certificate paying you \$100 at the end of the first year's assessments, and insuring from one to five weeks' sick benefits at \$10 per week, after sixty-seven days' membership, to all so unfortunate as to require same, the amount drawn to be deducted from the amount due at the end of the year, with interest at 6 per cent. Should member die, the family or heirs can pay the assessments until the maturity of certificate, and then draw the full amount due on same.

A NEW CERTIFICATE MONTHLY.—Members, at the expiration of the first month, may apply for another certificate, in which case they will draw \$100, \$75, \$50, or \$25 every month, after the first year, by paying \$2 for each certificate and \$1 per year dues thereon.

HOW CAN SUCH AMOUNTS BE PAID FOR SO SMALL AN INVESTMENT? is a question often asked. Not by members of similar organizations, who readily join us, being glad of the opportunity for investment, but by those uninitiated. In explanation, we would state that, in order to pay the amount of your certificate, you must pay your assessments; should you fail to do this, what you have already paid on same will revert to the Order. Then, again, we look to each one joining to bring in his friends, thus increasing our membership as well as our funds, without which no success could be assured. This is a pure business transaction, like any other. Some men go into business and fail; others, again, make from 1 to 500 per cent, and get rich. We won't pay 500 per cent, but will assure 100 per cent, if you cast your lot with us.

NO BETTER SAVINGS BANK SYSTEM can be found than that offered you by this Order; monthly assessments which will average about 10 cents per day returning you \$100 at the end of the year, and providing well for you in case of sickness during this time.

A SPECIAL FEATURE of this Order is it pays its certificates in ONE YEAR. Members do not have to wait two, five, or seven years, or die in order to receive the benefits. Now as to THE RESERVE FUND.—Fifty per cent, of each assessment is deposited with the State Treasurer of Massachusetts (after its conversion into guaranteed bonds and first-mortgage securities) for the purpose of protecting those who come later into the Order, and of equalizing, as far as possible, the number of assessments to be paid by each member. No part of this fund can be drawn during the first year immediately following the foundation of the Order, and then not more than one-twelfth of the amount on deposit in any one month thereafter.

ASSESSMENTS will be called as needed for the Supreme Treasury, and each member who fails to pay his or her assessments within thirty days from the date of issue of same will be suspended, but can be reinstated within the next thirty days by the payment of all assessments due, with a fine of 25 per cent, added to the first.

Now, believing we are offering you a good and fair investment, we would ask you to come and join us—the earlier the better for you. If inconvenient to attend meeting to join membership claims can be had on addressing the Secretary from any member of the Order. These must be filled out by you with your name and address, and returned with \$5 for membership fee. If found of good moral character, steady habits, and competent to earn a livelihood, you will be eligible to membership. If not accepted fee will be returned to you.

SOMETHING TO THINK OVER.—The Ancient Order of United Workmen paid its average beneficiary \$3,500 for \$116 paid in on an average life duration of three and three-quarter years. Don't this experience satisfy you, my friend?

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Be it known that Thomas D. Wightman, Lewis A. Drake, Richard H. Archibald, William A. Baker, William W. Pratt, and Monroe T. Quimby have associated themselves with the intention of forming a Corporation under the name of the "Progressive Benefit Order," for the purpose of paying endowments, sick and death benefits to its members, and have complied with the provisions of the Statutes of the Commonwealth in such cases made and provided, as appears from the certificate of the officers of said corporation, duly approved by the Insurance Commissioner, and recorded in the office.

Now, THEREFORE, I, Henry B. Peirce, Secretary of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby certify that T. D. Wightman, J. K. Wightman, A. Drake, R. H. Archibald, W. A. Baker, W. W. Pratt, and M. T. Quimby, their associates and successors, are legally organized and established as, and are hereby made an existing corporation under the name of the "Progressive Benefit Or-

der," with the powers, rights, and privileges, and subject to the limitations, duties, and restrictions which by law appertain thereto.

Witness my official signature hereunto subscribed, and the seal of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts hereunto affixed, this twelfth day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety.

(SEAL.) HENRY B. PEIRCE, Secretary of the Commonwealth.

Officers of the Supreme Lodge of the Progressive Benefit Order.—Past Supreme President, Lewis A. Drake, of Boston; Supreme President, Thomas D. Wightman, of Somerville; Supreme Vice President, John K. Wightman, of Boston; Supreme Secretary, Richard H. Archibald, of Boston; Supreme Treasurer, W. G. Baker, of Boston; M. T. Quimby, of Boston; L. A. Drake, of Cambridge, of Boston; W. A. Baker, on Laws, Cambridgeport. For information call on or address any of the following named officers of Capital Lodge No. 295, which meets every second and fourth Wednesday evening, at 8 o'clock, at Scottish Rite Hall, 1008 G street northwest.

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